

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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Carriage of Overseas Trade
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of a sharp decline in the share of Indian ships in the carriage of overseas trade from about 40% in 1980 to mere 7% in 2015;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
(c) the rank of India among developing countries in terms of containership operations during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam.The share of Indian ships in carriage of overseas seaborne trade was 7.45% in 2014-15. The Indian flag vessels have shipped 65.54 million tonnes of cargo as against a total of 879.56 million tonnes of EXIM cargo. The growth of Indian flag ships and pace of ship acquisition has been affected due to lack of firm long term cargo contracts; lack of bankable cargo carriage contract; higher cost of capital; higher tax incidence; inadequate credit facilities and overall global slowdown of shipping industry.

(c) India's rank in the container operations in the world is as follows*:

Ranking in term of 2013 2014
2015 2016
Ships registered in the country 29 31 30 30
Container traffic (Volume) 19 17 17 Not available

* Source: Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics (ISL) Vol 59 & 60 – No.5/6
